

HOUSE BILL 427

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By: **Delegate Queen**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Public Health Advisories – Required**
3 **Communication**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of each public institution of higher
5 education in the State to develop and implement a policy for the timely
6 communication of public health advisories issued by certain entities to students,
7 faculty, staff, and other employees of the institution; requiring certain institutions
8 to send to the Maryland Higher Education Commission a copy of a certain policy on
9 or before a certain date; and generally relating to required communication of public
10 health advisories by public institutions of higher education.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 15–121
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 **15–121.**

20 **(A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
21 **EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY FOR THE**
22 **TIMELY COMMUNICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORIES ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL**
23 **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**
24 **HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND OTHER**
25 **EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF**
2 **HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL SEND TO THE COMMISSION A COPY OF THE POLICY**
3 **DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2017.